

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-33.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date ____.
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- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date ____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date ____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other ____

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-33 are allowed.

Reasons for Allowance

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior arts of record issued to Tanaka and Simpson (PTO-892 attached) fails to either alone or combine to teach or suggest a radio frequency receiver for receiving supplementary data transmitted with a radio station signal, wherein the supplementary data comprising one or more information word fields containing supplementary data transmitted with the radio station signal; and the receiver further comprising a host processor, a supplementary data demodulator and decoder, an information word type memory, and a detection circuitry for detecting and comparing the information word type field decoded by the supplementary data decoder with one or more information word type fields stored in the information word type field memory, and providing a matched condition signal in response to a match if detected, and in response to the matched condition signal, processing the corresponding supplementary data by the host processor as cited in claims 1 and 33. Although Tanaka shows figure 2 which is similar to the figure 1 of the present invention; however, Tanaka teaches a different approach in controlling the reenergizing and deenergizing of the receiver circuitry and totally silent on the supplementary data and the detection circuitry for the comparison procedure as noted above. Simpson compares the color codes in order to determine the cell location of the portable unit (refer to the summary), and as shown in Fig. 12, the receiver of Simpson does not suggest having a detection circuitry or

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module for doing the comparison step for the supplementary data transmitted with the radio station signal and neither have the step of providing a matched condition signal.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Gupta, Logan et al., Hillman et al., and Childress et al. (PTO-892 attached) disclose systems related to having different approaches in provide information data, words, and supplementary data.

4. **Any response to this action should be mailed to:**

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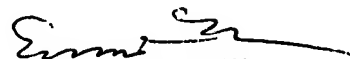
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5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tony Thuan Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-7895. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 9:30 AM to 7:00 PM, with alternate Fridays off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward Urban, can be reached at (571) 272-7899.

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